Seminar on distributed digital control

1086. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI T. CHANDRA SEKHAR REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Electronics had organised an international seminar on Distributed Digital Control in New Delhi on September 10, 1986;

(b) if so, what were the main features of the seminar and the issues discussed therein;

(c) whether the question of import of technology was also discussed; if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) what action has been/is being taken by Government in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The seminar was aimed at creating an awareness in the Indian Industry towards the use of new technologies such as Distributed Digital Control (DDC) and the benefits that could be achieved. The seminar was attended by more than 200 senior executives from the Industry, Government Departments, R & D organisations and academic institutions. 19 invited technical papers which high lighted the technological trends, the practical applications through case studies were presented by experts from India and abroad. An exhibition limited to DDC and related equipment was organised in which 10 manufacturers from India and abroad exhibited their products.

Import of technology *per se* was not discussed. A few aspects related to the introduction and implementation of DDC were discussed. On the basis of the recommendations of the seminar, design of DDC for Bhilai Steel Plant has been taken up.

Seizure of Narcotics from an Afghan National

1087. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that narcotics worth Rs. ten crores including 96 kg. of heroin and 170 kg. of charas were seized in New Delhi from an Afghan national with U.N. refugee status on August 30, 1986;

(b) if so, what was the value of the narcotics haul in the international market;

(c) whether this seizure resulted in unearthing of any gang of smugglers of narcotics; and

(d) what was the *modus operandi* of these smugglers as revealed by the investigation made into the said seizure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) 96 Kgs. of heroin and 176 Kgs. of charas were recovered from two Afghan Nationals.

(b) Approximately Rs. 10 crores.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The narcotics were being brought from Afghanistan via Pakistan. The same were being distributed in small quantities to local dealers.

Accidents of the IAF aircraft

1088. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that five defence personnel were killed in a